



## Council Names 3 As Defense Aids; Refuses Further Action On Tax Now

Greenbelt's city council took action last Monday to prepare the city for atomic warfare and other disasters. Prompted by a letter to council from local resident Major Lyman Woodman, USAF, a committee of three military officers was appointed to assist Chief of Civilian Defense George Panagoulis in preparing plans. Lt. H. Burke Horton, Lt. Col. Adelbert C. Long, and Maj. Woodman were selected for the committee. (See "Disaster Plan" and "Radiological Attack" stories elsewhere in this issue.)

Lack of federal guidance to the civilian population for such an emergency was scored by members of the council. Greenbelt is included in the Washington area to be governed by a tentative disaster plan, according to recent newspaper reports. Other stories appearing recently have excluded Greenbelt from areas to be explored for the construction of new federal buildings in a "decentralization" plan proposed by military defense heads.

Appointment of the Defense Committee was one item in an action-packed council meeting that was held before a capacity audience. Citizens heard an ordinance passed permitting payment of fines for traffic violations in Greenbelt directly to the city treasurer; discussion of the advisability of associating the local library with the county library system; and the climax to the personal property tax battle between Greenbelt Consumer Services and the council.

### GCS Offers Collection

During the council's consideration of city expense in collecting garbage and trash from the commercial area, Sam Ashelman, general manager of GCS, proposed that the cooperative would be willing to collect its own refuse to encourage reduction of the personal Harrington declined to consider property tax. Mayor Elizabeth the proposal, stating that the two items were not associated. She was not willing to vote on a tax repeal again, she said, adding "I believe in a sound tax structure."

Waving a lease (proffered to Louis G. Andrews for the use of the supermarket basement to operate a bowling alley) before the council, Ashelman castigated the council for discouraging the operation of new businesses in Greenbelt. He stated the personal property tax had stymied negotiation for the bowling alley as it had previously when a warehouse had been planned for the same site. "This tax is not considered part of a fair tax base," Ashelman declared. He stated that the tax was out of line with tax rates in other communities, and he accused the city manager of insinuating the tax into the budget surreptitiously. "It was not made clear where the funds were coming from," Ashelman said.

### Council Replies

Mayor Harrington replied that the confusion was the council's responsibility and not the city manager's. At this point Councilman Thomas Canning vigorously rejected the accusation that the council was responsible for the failure of a warehouse to be situated in Greenbelt. He asked Ashelman if he was aware that the operation of a warehouse was not permitted in the supermarket by state law.

At this point Ashelman summed up his appeal. He asked that the council look at the "broader aspects" of the situation; from the point of view of the "welfare of the community"; and to reexamine the "fairness of the tax."

### Charges Tax Illegal

"I am not using this as a threat, but our lawyers have informed us that the tax is illegal," Ashelman continued. "They feel that we can take it to court and win." Although he will recommend to the GCS board that they do not take it to court, Ashelman requested the council to "compromise the issue"

as the mayor had previously suggested and reduce the tax.

Councilman Francis Lastner spoke strongly against what he felt was an implication in the Greenbelt Cooperator that he represented the interests of GCS on the council. (The Cooperator stated last week that he was a former president of GCS and favored the repeal of the personal property tax). "Although I favor the repeal of the tax, it is because I believe the town will benefit from this. I only have the interests of the town in mind and do not represent any other organization when I sit in the council," he stated.

Councilman Steve Comings declared that the bowling alley would not be taxed for this year, and that a reduction or repeal of the personal property tax would reduce or eliminate seven months of anticipated revenue already charged to GCS. He recommended that the board consider the tax when the budget for the next fiscal year is brought before them.

The council then passed to other business.

## Drop-Inners Plan Splash Party Friday

The Drop-Inn members will take over the pool again this Friday night for their second "After-Hours Splash Party." The teenagers are asked to meet in front of the pool at 9 p.m., and to present their membership cards as they go through the door. Watermelon will be sold in the concession area, dancing on deck will be enjoyed by the teenagers, and also races for both boys and girls of the junior and senior high membership.

The Drop-Inn will be open from 7:30 to 9 on Friday evening.

### Ham Dinner Postponed

Due to the fact that the Community Church has scheduled a dinner on the same night that the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church originally had scheduled and publicized their annual ham dinner, the Methodist Church wishes to give notice that they are postponing their ham dinner until Saturday, September 9.

### Editor on Vacation

The Cooperator editor, Harry Zubkoff, with his wife and son, are on vacation this week. They are visiting in Boston and will be back this weekend.

Would-be staff members may reach the editor next week by calling Greenbelt 3571.

## What Goes On

Fri., Aug. 18 - 9 p.m., "after-hours splash party" for teenagers.

Tues., Aug. 22 - 8:30 p.m. women's bowling league at American Legion hall.

Wed., Aug. 23 - 8 p.m. GCS quarterly membership meeting at Greenbelt lake.

(In case of rain, American Legion hall.)

Fri., Aug. 25 - 8 p.m., GCS board meeting.

Sat., Aug. 26 - 6 to 9 p.m. Kan-Du fish fry at Community Church.

## GCS Board Discusses Scare Buying, Prices

Food rationing as a community measure was brought up at last Friday's meeting of the GCS board of directors. Mrs. Carrie Harper noted that there has been a "run" on several items in the food store since the Korean war. The practice of management has been to keep shelves amply stocked to reassure consumers that supplies on hand are plentiful, as well as sugar supplies throughout the country. It was pointed out that consumers themselves can create a scarcity if "scare" buying continues where there is no need.

Bassett Ferguson, assistant general manager, asserted "commercial users of sugar are as responsible as retail consumers" for recent large-scale sugar buying. It is probable that "refiners will parcel out sugar to their regular customers at the rate of 75% of past purchases," he said. As a result, retail buyers will be limited to a slight degree.

Asked about the raise in gasoline prices at the service station, Ferguson replied that Standard Oil Co. was responsible for it, having arbitrarily raised prices in anticipation of a price freeze, thus assuring themselves a higher rate than in the past should government price ceilings go into effect.

### New Food Store

Architectural drawings have been received and approved for the new food store to be constructed on New Hampshire Avenue in Takoma Park. Mechanical and structural plans will be ready shortly. There is some possibility, said Mr. Ferguson, that the new store will be in operation by Christmas.

Tentative plans for ground-breaking exercises at the site include the establishment of a large sign announcing the opening, and a dinner for officials of Takoma Park and the board. The committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Carolyn Miller, will proceed with planning the ceremony. Other members include Robert Broadbent and T. George Davidsen. The publicity committee consists of Broadbent, Bob Volckhausen, Mrs. Miller, Robert Mitchell, and Eleanor Ritchie.

### PHA Approves Alleys

PHA has approved leasing the food store basement for bowling alleys under the terms of the original rental lease entered into when the new building was erected, which is still 1/4 of 1% of the store's income.

Mrs. Ritchie, chairman of the education committee, informed the board that Senator Guy Gillette of Iowa has suggested in Congress that retailers, wholesalers, and producers should sign "no profiteering" pledges, agreeing not to take a larger mark-up on merchandise. She felt that it might be a credit to GCS if it could be one of the first retail businesses to sign such a pledge. Discussion on this suggestion followed, with plans for Board President Walter Bierwagen and Mrs. Ritchie to appear in Senator Gillette's office, as representatives of GCS, to sign the pledge. (A copy of the pledge appears in this issue of The Cooperator.)

In case of rain, an alternate meeting place was proposed for the quarterly membership meeting to be held August 23 at Greenbelt lake. The American Legion home was decided upon. Before the meeting starts at 8 p.m., free watermelon and ice cream will be served.

The consumer service project to be studied by the board at the August 25 meeting will be the Greenbelt theatre, whether its operation can be improved and how, and various aspects of its management.

## GVHC Named Preferred City Buyer As Official Notice Waives Freeze

An official announcement from the Public Housing Administration was expected this week naming the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation the preferred purchaser of the Greenbelt project from the federal government. As no other qualified groups submitted bids for the property, the resident group will proceed with plans for purchase and operation of the project.

## Police Blotter

### Attention boys and girls:-

The local police have requested information leading to the identity of a group of boys, who boastfully call themselves the "Four Raiders." If any boys or girls have heard or know of the activities of the Four Raiders, contact the local police station. All sources of information will be kept strictly confidential.

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Bicycle registration has proceeded in fine order; 333 bicycles were registered up to August 15. An unpleasant aftermath of bicycle registration week has been the increase in the number of stolen bicycles. Four bicycles were reported stolen in the period of August 10 to 15. Two of the bicycles were stolen in the pool area, one at the theatre and one at the carnival. Proper precaution to prevent someone from riding off with a bicycle is to lock it up when it is parked.

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A nine-year-old boy walked into the police station last week and asked for help to get back to his home in Mt. Rainier. He had spent the day at the swimming pool with some older folks, who were separated from him when they were boarding the bus to go home. The Greenbelt police drove him halfway to Mt. Rainier and then the Mt. Rainier police drove him directly home. The trip turned out to be more exciting than riding the bus.

An excited mother put in an emergency call this week, saying that her son had apparently swallowed a belt buckle and she wanted help. By the time the officer arrived on the scene the mother had everything under control, the boy had only a small scratch in his throat, and the buckle was out. You can bet that mother will be straining everything that baby eats from now on.

## Mrs. Harris Resigns As Head Librarian

A farewell reception for Mrs. Reba Harris, who has resigned as head librarian of the Greenbelt Public Library, took place Tuesday evening, August 15, in Firemen's Hall, under the police station, by the staffs of the city and federal offices, together with Mrs. Harris' associates in the library. Mrs. Harris was presented with a set of Chinese figurines representing the god of happiness, the god of health, and the god of long life. Mrs. Harris has taken another position in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Mrs. Marjorie Muir, who has been assistant librarian, has been promoted to the position of head librarian. The position of assistant librarian has not as yet been filled, but is expected to be filled shortly.

## Come To Fish Fry August 26? Kan Du

The regular monthly activity of the Kan Du Club will be a fish fry on Saturday, August 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. on the grounds of the new church (indoors if it rains). Everyone is invited. Call Mrs. Horace Kramer, 3337, for reservations, and the earlier you call the surer you can be of a piping hot plate.

Wednesday morning a release from Raymond Foley, head of the Housing and Home Finance Agency which operates all federally-owned housing, announced the expected freeze on disposal of all government housing, with the exception of some veteran re-use housing which may be disposed of. Also excepted from the provisions of the freeze were the two "Green towns," as well as other projects designed originally for mutual ownership by residents.

The board of directors met last night to discuss the present state of negotiations, and to review the status of the corporation in its new light as the recognized preferential purchaser when the property is to be released by the government.

At last night's meeting the veteran board voted unanimously to incorporate into the directorship of the corporation all the members of the advisory board, with the exception of Sally Meredith, whose resignation was formally accepted. The thirteen members of the GVHC board, all of whom now have voting privileges, are: Mike Salzman, president; Bruce Bowman, secretary; Ben Goldfaden, treasurer; Terry Braund, Morris Sandhaus, Henry Pearlman and J. Walsh Barcus, all previously members of the veteran board; and the six remaining members of the advisory board, who are Paul Borsky, Sherrod East, George Eshbaugh, Wells Harrington, Tony Madden, and Tom Ritchie.

The board also voted unanimously to continue its efforts to gather information on the project, in spite of the uncertainty created by the fact that the PHA letter, signed by Commissioner John T. Egan, which referred to a "possibility of resumption of negotiations with your group."

### 63 New Voters Register

New registrants, 48 Democrats and 15 Republicans, were added to Greenbelt's voting rolls on Tuesday, August 15, according to Mrs. Helen Zoellner. These new registrants will be eligible to vote in the primaries.

Other registration dates will be held before the November elections for the benefit of new residents who, by that time, will have lived in Greenbelt for a year.

## City Heads Return From Summer Leave

Mrs. Frances Stouffer, Greenbelt's public health nurse, is back on duty after a two-week absence. The Tuesday morning inoculation clinic is in operation with the return of Dr. Max Bloomberg from his vacation, and Charles McDonald, city manager, reports that it is being well patronized. He also advises that some parents are not taking advantage of the facilities offered by the clinic. The majority of cases of whooping cough reported in the last few weeks were found not to have had whooping cough shots. Parents should realize that the clinic is here for their benefit. The shots are preventive measures and can avoid serious illness and even death.

Mr. McDonald also advises that Chief Panagoulis, director of public safety, has returned from his vacation spent in New Hampshire.



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## CITY DISASTER PLAN

(This is a copy received by the Cooperator of a letter sent to the city council.)

City Council, Greenbelt, Maryland:

It is believed that this City lacks a disaster plan which can be followed by our citizens for their protection and benefit in time of crises which may be caused by extensive fires in the surrounding woods, by hurricanes, or by atomic attack of the Washington metropolitan area.

If such a plan does not exist, either under the jurisdiction of the Council or within the responsibilities of the Director of Public Safety, it is suggested that action be taken to develop a City Disaster Plan and make its details known to every person affected thereby.

It is suggested that the Disaster Plan be drawn up under professional or semi-professional direction, through the employment of a special consultant if necessary, and that operation of the Plan be placed under the supervision of some competent leader who is not a regular member of the Department of Public Safety. The latter is suggested with the thought that all regular members of that Department will have as much to do as they can handle in their normal pursuits in time of community emergency, and that a citizen leader outside that Department can accomplish much by operating in close collaboration with the head of that Department. The Plan Leader could be deputized as the situation warrants.

It is suggested that consideration be given the following points in the development of the City Disaster Plan:

1. A survey should be made of the residents qualified to administer First Aid, and area First Aid Leaders and their alternates should be designated throughout the City.
2. Auxiliary Police and Firemen should be appointed.
3. A central index to the blood types of at least 500 residents should be made for transfusion purposes. All citizens should be encouraged to have their blood typed. These aims may be realized through the Red Cross without charge.
4. All children and adults should be encouraged to have their fingerprints placed on file in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
5. The availability of an auxiliary water supply should be determined so that wells or springs may be drawn from in the event the regular supply is contaminated.
6. Alternate means of communication should be devised, using local "ham" radio operators on an emergency organization basis.
7. An emergency truck and bus transportation pool should be established which can be used in

## Women Bowlers Meet Tuesday

The Greenbelt women's bowling league will hold a meeting at 8:30 p.m. next Tuesday, August 22, in the American Legion hall.

All persons not yet on a team should attend the meeting, when they will be placed on incomplete teams.

carrying both personnel and cargo.

8. An emergency alarm system should be devised, understandable to both children and adults, by which all citizens may be directed to their homes or to rallying points to receive equipment and instructions.
9. The establishment of an auxiliary electric power system should be exploited, with consideration being given to the acquisition of a number of gasoline-driven generators for emergency use. This is of particular importance since all our refrigeration and heat depends on electricity.
10. Short lists should be made and published which will tell what items of non-perishable basic foodstuffs and medicines may be set aside in each home as emergency reserve material. A community reserve should also be considered.
11. Tentage and materials for the construction of temporary shelters should be earmarked for emergency use only.
12. An "Accommodation Plan" should be incorporated in the overall Disaster Plan by which this City can give assistance to evacuees from other nearby disaster areas.
13. A "Greenbelt Evacuation Plan" should also appear within the overall Disaster Plan, by which local citizens can leave or be removed in orderly fashion from this place in the event of great emergency, and receive shelter and aid elsewhere.

14. A list of the "Do's and Don't's" of disaster recovery should be prepared for the guidance of all concerned.
15. Above all, do not stint on the Plan nor the public's education of it. It should be borne in mind also that inasmuch as a crisis arising from atomic attack can develop at a time when the majority of the adult males are absent from their homes, the Plan prepared for such an eventuality should be capable of administration by a group of people composed largely of women.

Respectfully,  
Lyman L. Woodman,  
Major, USAF

## THANKS

I want to thank my many friends and neighbors for the lovely flowers, cards, magazines and other gifts sent me while a patient at Garfield Memorial Hospital for the past month. Also the Greenbelt Rescue Squad, for their excellent service and kindness. It was all appreciated very much. Thanks.

Mrs. Elmer Cook  
34-B Ridge Road

Peach ice cream sounds like a summer dessert, but with canned peaches within your reach it can be an all-year-round favorite. Put your home-canned peaches to good use during the winter months.

Plain tableware gives more chance to vary table settings than dishes with strong design. A wider variety of table linens can be used when dishes are simple in design.

## Co-ops Lead The Way Toward Safer Bread

Washington, D. C. (CNS)—Farmers can tell what's in a bag of feed by reading the tag, but for the life of them, they can't always tell what's in their breakfast toast by reading the baker's wrapper.

Several years ago, cooperative bakeries decided to make two innovations in the industry for the benefit of the consumer: They would use only health-producing tasty ingredients in their bread, and they would tell what was in the loaf by labelling.

The bakers' lobby here has fought a multitude of Federal Food and Drug proposals which would cause bakers to follow the same pattern. The reason was obvious: Not all the ingredients used in pastry were nutritious, healthful, kitchen-cabinet items. So most bakers got by with such generalities as "softeners," "leaveners," and "preservatives."

The Food and Drug Administration came out this week with some proposed new standards based upon hearings over the last few years. Much of the credit for bringing the past information to the public about the dangers of present-day white bread goes to James Rorty, prominent consumer writer who has exposed the bakery trust since 1944. Rorty wrote several columns for Cooperative News Service on the subject.

Under the new standards, which are only tentative, bread will contain recommended ingredients found not to endanger the health of consumers. Commercial softeners which have been in use since the beginning of World War II have been found unsafe. In addition to white bread, other types of pastry have been provided for in the new proposals. Objections from the trade will be accepted for 30 days. Then the standards, as corrected, will apply.

Then consumers won't have to wonder whether the bread they feed their children contains anything but what Grandma might have used. After all, not all people are fortunate enough to be able to buy Co-op bread.

Let's hear and ignore the opinions of all members of the committee, including our own, and then let's all go back to work.

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Wednesday: Novena services, 7:45 p.m.

Baptisms: Sunday, 1 p.m. Anyone wishing to have a baby baptized should call Father Dowgiallo beforehand.

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Phone WARfield 0942

Sunday, August 20 - Sunday school for all, 11:30 a.m. Adult Bible class, 12 noon. Church services, 12:30. We invite you to come and worship with us.

## Library Reports 900 Books Read By Kids

The Greenbelt public library is proud to announce that the summer reading program ended Friday with a record of 900 oral reviews having been heard by Mrs. Reba Harris, Mrs. Marjorie Muir and Mrs. Marian Slaugh, of the library staff. Ninety percent of those registered completed the reading program.

The following are the five top Chiefs Read-a-Plenty: Joyce Pendleton, 3-G Crescent, who enters 5th grade in fall, read 28 books. Martha Taylor, 10-D Plateau, who enters 3rd grade in fall, read 34 books. Leonard Sayers, 49-C Ridge, who enters 4th grade in fall, read 34 books. Kenneth Reamy, 1-E Northway, who enters 5th grade in fall, read 30 books. Jerry Sayers, 49-C Ridge, who enters 5th grade in fall, read 30 books.

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## COMMUNITY CHURCH PROTESTANT

Ministers

Rev. Edward H. Bonsall, Jr.

Phone: 8241

Rev. Eric T. Braund

Phone: 5001

Sunday, August 20 - 8:45 a.m., Morning worship and sermon. Music by the Cloister choir with Mrs. Gordon Finlay at the organ. 8:45 a.m., Church school for nursery, beginners and primary. 9:50 a.m., Church school for juniors, intermediates, seniors, and adults. 11 a.m., Church worship and sermon. Music by the high school and college age choir, directed by Mrs. John McClendon. Board of Trustees meet after service.

6 p.m., A new service of prayer and meditation called the "Angelus Hour." The church will be open for private devotions until 8 p.m. each Sunday evening. There will be a 15-minute period of organ music at 6 p.m. Mrs. Gordon Finlay will play at this first service. Anyone in the community is invited to make use of the church at this time for devotional purposes. The minister will be available at this period for private consultation.

Thursday, August 24 - 8 p.m., Missionary Committee will meet at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richerson in Hollywood.

Saturday, August 26 - Afternoon and evening, family day at the church. Outdoor fish-fry at the church grounds sponsored by the Kandu club. The public is invited.

## MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Phone SHEpherd 0035

Russell B. Reed, Minister

Friday, August 18 - Members and friends of the Friendship Bible Class will meet at the church at 8:30 to go on strawride to Oak Grove. We are planning a grand time, so come join us.

Sunday, August 20 - Sunday School, 9:45. Classes for each age group. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Sermon—"Greater Efficiency."

Saturday, September 9 - Annual Ham Dinner with all the trimmings, including dessert on lawn of Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, beginning at 5 p.m. This dinner is sponsored by the entire church. Proceeds will be used for repairs on our church building. Tickets are available from Mrs. June, at Greenbelt 3739.

## WE ARE COOPERATING

Co-ops Can't Profiteer, since our "profits" are returned to the Consumer members as patronage refunds. We are cooperating with the campaign now being waged against profiteering, and are happy to sign and support the following pledge.

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We realize that profiteering will in the end only raise the general level of prices.

We realize that profiteering is a form of extortion and is unfair to our customers, our suppliers, and the public generally.

Finally, we realize that profiteering is un-American.

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Walter Bierwagen, President

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## Fox Tales

By Sam Fox

**Water Show:** Don't forget to reserve 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon, August 27, for the Water Show. Come and see the Greenbelt children do an excellent job in the Water Show. Over 60 children will take part.

**Softball Play-off:** Every night for the next two weeks the best softball teams in the D. C. area will be playing for the championship down on the softball field. They play two games every night, the first game starting at 7:30 p.m. The winner will go to the regional tournament in York, Pa.

**Softball Tournament:** The Prince Georges County Boys Club softball championship has started for mid-gets, juniors and seniors. Greenbelt has entered all three teams and hopes to play all the boys in each age group. All those interested in playing, get in touch with Recreation Office. Games will be played in the afternoon.

**Greenbelt won the Prince Georges County swimming meet Monday by the score of 102 to the next closest of only 24 points. Greenbelt won first place in all the races except two. There were 12 playgrounds entered in the meet, throughout the county.**

**Recreation Nite:** Don't forget to come to the Gym at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 28 to see the arts and crafts exhibition, baby playgrounds exhibitions, drama show, glee club, tumbling, Tot and Talent Show. Admission will be free for all.

**Greenbelt Day at the pool on the weekend of August 19 and 20. The pool will be open only to residents of Greenbelt . . . no outsiders allowed in pool . . . prices will be the same. We have had complaints about residents not being able to get into the pool because of the outsiders, so we are experimenting with letting only residents of Greenbelt in the pool.**

## Murray Lincoln Named Among NSRB Advisers

Washington, D. C. (CNS)—Murray D. Lincoln, president of the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies with headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, and president of the Cooperative League of the USA, has been named a member of the 12-member advisory committee for the National Security Resources Board.

The function of this committee will be to advise the NSRB on all phases of civil mobilization and defense. The advisory group is made up of representatives of industry, labor, agriculture and the general public.

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Dois Asbell Mednick, 3518

If you count the children, there was practically a mass exodus to Westmoreland State Park in Virginia over the past week-end . . . the James Walshes with their three boys, the Larry Finks with their three boys, the Irvin Millers who er's family. Mama Lee Fink lost are unencumbered, and this writer voice, Vicky Miller lost the frying pan, and I nearly lost my mind when the coffee pot fell off the grate twice when it had reached the perking point and its precious contents spilled out upon the ground. The night before, while we were charcoal-broiling our hamburgers, the spokes of the grate proved too large and we helplessly stood by and watched our meat dribble through the grate and mingle with the charcoal ashes. Ah, yes, nothing like camping outdoors—gives you the most wonderful appetite so that hamburger coated with coal dust tastes delicious—gives you a fine appreciation of your bed at home, that only sleeping on the ground or a cot can develop.

A party was given in honor of Joan Reid and George Neumann by Mrs. Leon G. Benefiel, 60-B Crescent. A buffet supper was served out-of-doors. Some of the people present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott, Carole Fredin, Sunny Creighton, Don Wolfe, Teddy Fox, Lucy Forester, Clayton McCarl, Elizabeth Turner, Martha Aspen, H. M. Goode, Hugh Rowle and the two Benefiel boys, Harry and LeGrand.

Mr. and Mrs. Benefiel and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fitch of Silver Spring are leaving for Bar Harbor, Maine, for a week's visit . . . Esther Nimocks, 8-D Parkway, enjoyed a long weekend at Rehoboth Beach . . . the Paul Whitforts, 8-Q Plateau Place just returned from a week's visit with friends in Norfolk . . . Mrs. Ruth Bowman, 14-Z-3 Laurel Hill, and three children are leaving for a week's visit to her father in Greene, New York, which is near Binghamton.

John J. O'Brien of Chicago is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Alice Kennedy, 13-D Laurel Hill.

Mrs. Harrison Combs, 14-W Ridge, is the proud mother of two winning contestants. Her son Ty, age 7, won an award of \$5 as the best-dressed cowboy in a contest sponsored by a Washington department store from among 1,000 contestants. Daughter Pamela Ann, age 2½ was picked as one of three in Harris and Ewing Photographer's "Child of the Month" contest. Her prize was a \$150 photograph.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie J. Causey, 11-A Laurel Hill, are very happy over the birth of their second child, a girl.

Meyer Volk and daughters Harriet and Myra have returned to their home at 8-B Hillside after a six-week visit in Milwaukee.

Frieda Bierwagen's homecoming from a summer-long visit in South Bend, Indiana was quickly catapulted into a nursing job. Hubby Walter, President of the board of directors of GCS, was stricken by bronchial pneumonia. He's well on the road to recovery.

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## WHAT TO DO IN CASE THE A-BOMB FALLS

The following information has been condensed from a document compiled and issued by the Director of Security, Fifth Naval District. This document was designed to present a basic radiological indoctrination course to all civilian and military personnel and its present official use is limited to the above purpose. Since the document is quite lengthy, only the most important basic paragraphs are being quoted below for your information.

"Much information has been published in technical journals, magazines and newspapers. Some of this information has been of a sensation-seeking nature. Some of it has been based on incomplete or inconclusive data. The net result has been to needlessly cause alarm.

This will confine itself to pertinent details concerning defenses to be used in the event of radiological attack and the reasons therefor.

An understanding must be had of the capabilities and limitations of radiological warfare before attempting to combat it. Radiological or atomic weapons should be thought of as another weapon of warfare. It is not an all-purpose or an all-destroying weapon. It has definite limitations both in its make-up and use. Much can be done to combat radiological warfare from means now at hand. While it is true that no single comprehensive defense exists, there are many individual defenses that can be used effectively.

### WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF RADIOLOGICAL ATTACK

1. In the event warning is received of an impending radiological attack, certain common sense precautions can be taken to prevent or minimize personal injury.

2. Fifteen-minute warning of radiological attack

- a. Turn off oil burning stoves.
- b. Turn off pilot lights in gas stoves and water heaters.
- c. Close fuel and draft doors to coal-burning furnaces and wood stoves.

d. Open all doors and windows to minimize the damage from the pressure wave. After the explosion close doors and windows to keep out radioactive dust.

e. Draw the blinds. This is a protection not only from fire sparks and glass splinters, but also from radiation and radioactive dust.

f. Put on loose-fitting trousers or slacks and loose-fitting long-sleeved blouses buttoned at the wrist. All clothing should be light colored. Wear a hat, brim down. Tuck the bottoms of trousers or slacks into socks. Put on gloves. Moisten a handkerchief and put it over face as a mask for use as a dust filter to protect against breathing radioactive dust and as a protection against flying glass or splinters. Radioactive dust taken into the system is extremely difficult to remove, and if inhaled in sufficient quantities would prove fatal.

g. Put a flashlight in a pocket.

h. Draw drinking water and put it in clean covered containers for use after the attack. Protect the water by keeping it in the basement.

i. Take shelter.

(1) In a building the best shelter is the basement. Lie next to the wall away from windows, or against the base of a strong supporting column. Keep away from the center of the floor where the danger of falling beams is much greater. DO NOT take refuge on the upper floors, where they might collapse. Furthermore, on the upper floors the danger of radioactive contamination is much greater.

(2) In the open take refuge in a

ditch or gutter or against the base of a substantial structure. Keep away from trees or flimsy structures that might fall or collapse.

### 3. Two- or three-second warning of radiological attack

a. Lie flat on stomach, with face cradled in arms, eyes tightly closed. Do not look up immediately after the explosion. Remain prone for 10 seconds after the explosion. This will afford protection against flying missiles and from temporary blindness that would result from looking into the dazzling light of the explosion.

**RADIATION** - In an atomic explosion the gamma particles are the most dangerous. The only protection against these high-intensity short-lived radiations is adequate shielding at the moment of explosion. Alpha particles are stopped by paper, clothing or skin and hence are not dangerous. In the immediate vicinity of the explosion reasonable safety is afforded by one foot of steel, or three feet of concrete, or five feet of earth. At 3,000 feet from the explosion reasonable safety is afforded by five inches of steel or fifteen inches of concrete or twenty-five inches of earth. A mile from the explosion a fraction of an inch of steel or several inches of concrete would be sufficient. These short-lived radiations are capable of setting up lingering artificial radioactivity in metal and glass objects such as silverware, canned and bottled food and similar items. Unless the containers were broken the food inside probably would not be dangerously radioactive and could be eaten safely. Prior to a radiological attack it would be wise to draw drinking water and keep it in clean, covered containers for use after the attack. Although tap water might be available after the attack it should not be used because of the danger of radioactive contamination.

**BLAST** - The pressure wave or blast of the explosion is capable of causing great structural damage. Many injuries and deaths are caused due to persons being thrown against objects, or being hit by missiles activated by the blast. The bomb blast creates winds up to 800 mph in the area within half a mile from the explosion point. Within this area total destruction of buildings may be expected. In the area between half a mile and three miles from the explosion point, the following damage to buildings can be expected:

a. Heavy framed steel and reinforced concrete buildings will remain standing although all windows will be blown out.

b. Unreinforced brick structures will be utterly demolished.

c. Wooden structures will sustain serious damage.

d. Circular structures, such as smokestacks and telephone poles, will probably remain standing.

To get the best protection from bomb blast it is necessary to take shelter below ground level. For this purpose building basements, subway tunnels and similar underground structures should be used as refuges. If time permits, take shelter in the basement of heavy framed steel or concrete reinforced building with more than one exit. Damage to such buildings will be slight, with little chance of the structure collapsing and burying the exits from the basement. At all costs keep away from unreinforced brick structures. Loose bricks are deadly missiles. Furthermore, the basement exits of brick buildings are liable to be blocked by falling bricks.

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## '51 Chest Budget Cut; County Share Reduced

The 1951 Community Chest Federation campaign goal of \$4,100,000 will not meet the local chest agencies' requests which totalled \$149,324. The Prince Georges County allocation has not been determined by the federation budget committee. Originally submitted was an overall figure of \$4,422,704, which included the recommendation of \$129,035 for Prince Georges County which will have to be reduced to fit the goal figure.

The campaign goal recommended by the campaign committee as a realistic amount for the Washington area was fixed by a joint meeting of the federation's budget, executive, and campaign committees last Thursday, August 10.

Charles E. Smoot, budget committee chairman, said that the original \$4,422,704 figure was based on a formula adopted by the executive committee. It would have allowed a 10 per cent increase in allocations to individual chest units over their 1947 or 1950 allocations, whichever was the larger. If he had recommended a figure based on actual needs and requests of the Chest agencies, he noted, it would have been about five million dollars.

In recommending the \$4,100,000 figure, Hugh Duffield, chairman of the Campaign Committee, agreed that the minimum needs were nearer five million dollars but declared his committee had to "assay what we can raise". The goal of \$4,100,000 is \$108,281 higher than last year's quota and \$542,269 more than the actual amount raised. It will include funds for Associated Services for the Armed Forces, a partial successor to the U.S.O.

## GCS Makes News With Price Check

Greenbelt, Md. (CNS)—Greenbelt Consumer Services employed a spot check of 82 staple grocery items the other day and discovered their prices were more competitive than most people thought. Of the 82, the co-op undersold or sold at the same price as other competitors checked. Only 18 items would be purchased cheaper elsewhere. Three leading chain stores prices were checked. Only 18 items could be same day.

According to Samuel Ashelman, co-op manager, "Totals for 1 unit or pound of all the items listed for all 4 stores were: 'Coop, \$35.71; chain No. 1, \$36.65; chain No. 2, \$36.15; chain No. 3, \$37.06."

## Nursery School Board

The number of classes which will be held during the coming term of the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School will be announced after the Monday night meeting of the board. In the past there have always been two classes, with the younger group attending in the morning.

All applications should be turned in by Monday. If a child cannot be accepted, the registration fee will be refunded.

For registration telephone Vice-President Mary Ellen Lentz, 7347.

## 22 National Groups Ask For Housing Plan

Washington, D. C. (CNS)—With prices of building supplies mounting swiftly and feverish buying leading to shortages of materials, a group of 22 national organizations this week called for more drastic action in the field of housing.

Headed by Rt. Rev. Monsignor John O'Grady, secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, the groups urged in a letter to the President that "a national housing policy be established to channel labor and materials available for civilian use into the production of a maximum number of standard permanent homes . . . at the lowest possible rentals or sales prices, in accordance with national plans for increased production and local housing needs."

The group asked for a sharp curtailment of high-priced, luxury housing and made 6 specific recommendations: (1) allocation of building materials; (2) stabilization of prices of building materials at the June, 1950 level; (3) limitation on non-essential and luxury housing; (4) no cut-backs on public housing which affects the areas of greatest housing need; (5) completion of schools, hospitals, sewers, and other essential utilities; (6) temporary halt on disposition of war housing except to cooperative groups of

## Band Members Wanted, Instruments Available

The Greenbelt Community Band has available some instruments for youngsters interested in becoming members of the Band. A registration fee of \$1 and weekly dues of 35c are required as well as attendance at rehearsals on Monday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. Anyone interested in playing one of the following instruments should call Edwin Huffman, 33-V Ridge, at phone 7811; 1 tenor saxophone, 4 B-flat clarinets, 2 trombones, 3 french horns, 1 piccolo, and 1 oboe. Members over ten may use the band's instruments; those under ten must provide their own.

Several outstanding engagements are pending, one of which is a trip to Mt. Airy on August 30 to play for a tournament given by the Lions Club of Mt. Airy. The band

present occupants who have been negotiating for purchase of the properties.

The President's first order controlling housing credit through FHA was not only inadequate, but started trends sure to be detrimental, the organizations told the President.

Signers of the letter in addition to Monsignor O'Grady included Jerry Voorhis, executive secretary of the Cooperative League of the USA, and David Krooth, president of the National Housing Conference.

is also making plans to enter the Lions Club contest again next Spring. The winning band will be sent to Atlantic City to participate

in the International Lions Club competition.

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